

Diary

Sunday, 12th October: Prisoners' Sunday – Many of you will have seen the images in the media of Pope Francis, on his first Holy Thursday, washing the feet of young offenders in Rome's Casa del' Marmo prison. We can't wash the feet of young offenders but we can pray for all prisoners today. Please take one of the Prisoners' Sunday leaflets available at the back of church.

Tuesday, 14th October: Padre Pio Prayer Group meets after the 7 p.m. Mass. Please gather near the Lady Altar. All are welcome.

Wednesday, 15th October: Liturgy of the Word with Children – After the two sessions with Simon Stewart, a follow-up session was arranged for this evening. We will meet in the downstairs sitting room in the presbytery. We will be discussing what practical implications there may be, after the two sessions with Simon, for our current practice. **Please** try to be there. Thank you.

Thursday, 16th & Friday, 17th October: Sale of Goods in aid of needy children at 6, Mount Road from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds will go to Cafod. Please support this worthy cause! Thank you! Chas & Charm Wilson.

Friday, 17th October: St. Wulstan's & St. Edmund's Quiz Night in the School Hall. Tickets, to include Hot Pot Supper. £3.

Friday, 17th to Sunday, 19th October: Cor et Lumen Christi Weekend entitled "Transformed in Christ" on 17th to 19th October led by Father Chris Thomas. For more information, contact 016973 45623.

Saturday, 18th October: Finance Team meeting after Mass in the presbytery dining room.

Sunday, 19th October: World Mission Sunday – There will be a retiring collection to support the Church's missionary work throughout the world.

Vocations Discernment Day at Our Lady & St. Joseph's, Carlisle. For details, contact Father Darren on 01722 719604 or Father John on 01228 521509.

Saturday, 15th November: St. Mary's Parish Christmas Fair. Raffle tickets are **now on sale** and you are asked to take some to try and sell to family and friends. There is a list at the back of church if you wish to **donate a prize for the Grand Draw**, either a gift or money towards the Star Prize. Items are needed to sell at the Fair and you are asked if you could donate something for the various stalls and suggestions are: **toiletries; groceries; good as new items; bottles (such as wine, etc.) for the bottle stall; paperback books; toys or games (complete and in good condition); sweets and chocolates.** Cake bakers will be asked nearer the date to bake some of their delicious cakes either for the Cake Stall or to sell with the refreshments. **The Christmas Fair is our main fund raising event and without your help it wouldn't happen, so you are asked to support it in any way you can.**

Sunday, 14th December: Blackpool Male Voice Choir will be giving a concert in aid of St. Mary's Building and Restoration Fund. More details later. Please make a note of the date.

Welcome families and friends to St Mary's: join us in the Millennium Room for refreshment and community social time after 10.30 a.m. Mass.



St. Mary's, Fleetwood

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Sunday Mass 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Weekdays except Mondays: 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Mass

Tuesday: 6:40 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. Mass

Mondays: 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Celebration of the Word

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist : Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th October, 2014

Parish Property Matters

On a couple of occasions this year, I've discussed with the Parish Pastoral Council the condition of the church grounds. Those of you who have been into the presbytery back garden in recent times will know that it's very overgrown and that, in parts, there are brambles and nettles. All of you will have noticed how the perimeter privet hedge on Kemp Street, Lord Street and Warren Street has grown too high. It has also grown too thick to allow the iron railings to be repaired and painted.

My cousin, Bernard Pendleton (*who works at Myerscough College*), has kindly arranged for a team from Kirkham Prison to tackle these problems. I met with the team supervisors a few weeks ago and they started work last Monday. Their first priority will be the back garden. They then propose to remove the privet hedge, repair and paint the railings and replant in the spring with a variety of hedging, e.g. beech, wild fuschia, hawthorn, rose of Sharon, etc.,. The labour will be free, but, obviously we will have to pay for the materials. I hope you approve? *Fr. Michael*

P.S. I hope in the next few months to start thinking about the damp problems that we seem to have both in the church and presbytery. Your advice and help will be very much appreciated.

Holiday at the Villa Palazzola, 6th to 13th June, 2016

I have booked to take a group out to the Villa Palazzola, a little to the south of Rome in the Alban Hills, in 2016 for a holiday. The setting is beautiful and relaxing and there are opportunities to explore the local area as well as to go down into Rome for a day. I am giving parishioners of St. Mary's the first opportunity to book their places for a returnable deposit of £50. Please pick up the leaflet at the back of church to book your place or go to the website: www.palazzola.it to find out more about this beautiful place.

Father Michael

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Liturgies for the week commencing 12th. October, 2014

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| Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30 a.m. | Maria Dallas <i>Anniversary</i> |
| | 10.30 a.m. | The People of the Parish |
| Monday (13 th) of week 28 | 10 a.m. | Celebration of the Word |
| Tuesday (14 th) of week 28 | 7 p.m. | Richard Jones <i>Anniversary</i> |
| Wednesday (15 th) St. Teresa of Avila | 10 a.m. | Kay McDonnell <i>birthday intentions</i> (J.E.) |
| Thursday (16 th) of week 28 | 10 a.m. | Margaret M. Melville <i>Anniversary</i> (R.W.M.) |
| Friday (17 th) St. Ignatius of Antioch | 10 a.m. | Peter Edwards <i>R.I.P.</i> (A.G.R.) |
| Saturday (18 th) ST. LUKE | 10 a.m. | Pat Power <i>R.I.P.</i> |
| Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30 a.m. | The People of the Parish |
| | 10.30 a.m. | In thanksgiving (students) |

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially Althea Armour, Pastor Steve Bond, Deborah Carr (*Maureen McGarvey's daughter*), Fred Chew, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Marianne Delaney, Kathy Eaglesham, Laura Finley, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Joseph Higgins, Denis Lupton, Alison Lyon, Michael O'Sullivan, Andrew Pearson, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, Winifred White, baby Casey Williams;

Dave Parker would like to thank the parish family for your concern, good wishes and prayers following his recent mishap! He continues to make good progress.

» **the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Thomas Ball, Hilda Brookes, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Dennis Halloran, Gerry & Brenda McCaul, Sheila Mullen, Walter Myerscough, Betty Poole, Joan Rayworth, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson;



» **those who have died recently, especially Ken Porter and those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** Patrick Bissett, Cecilia Cairns, June Clifford, Patrick Crehan, Maria Dallas, Teresa Dicks, Peter John Dines, Pauline Keighley, Thomas McDermott, John McGurk, Margaret Mary Melville, June Owen, Jim Rimmer, Vincent Rimmer, John Henry Brook Winstanley, Margaret Winstanley, Robert James Winstanley, Edward Woods.

Anniversaries of Death

In an effort to bring our list of anniversaries up-to-date, I would be grateful if you could let me have the names of any relatives, friends, etc. who have died in the last two years and give me their dates of death. The names of these people will be added to the anniversaries list and to the Book of the Dead for November prayers.

The Ebola Epidemic in West Africa

All monies in the World Needy box, from now until the end of the Church's Year (Saturday, 29th. November), will go to Cafod for their appeal to provide aid to West Africa during the ebola outbreak. Please be generous, as always.

Next Sunday's Gospel

for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(19th. October) - Matthew 22 : 15-21 giving God his due

They must really have thought they had their victim sewn up! If Jesus said he paid the Roman taxes, he recognised the Emperor, not God, as his Lord. If he said he didn't pay, he was a traitor to Rome. Jesus turns the question back on them. First, he makes them admit that they themselves recognise Rome as overlord by carrying a Roman coin, for the coin would carry the Emperor's head. Next, he puts them a question: what do they consider is due to Caesar? Finally, he goes beyond their question, to interrogate their ultimate loyalty: in the last analysis, just what is due to God? At a superficial level, this seems a little verbal tussle, in which Jesus outwits his opponents. But the story was remembered and passed on in the Christian community not because of Jesus' cleverness, but because, at a deeper level, it is a question which Jesus puts to each of us: just where do our loyalties and priorities lie? Money? Respect? Sex? Fame? A good holiday? Comfort? Power? Jesus is not a dictator who imposes his will. He just asks the question and leaves us to give our own answer. To those who question him he gives no easy response but always replies with another question.

What takes priority in my life? Does God get a look-in? In what way?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS for 5th. October

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| 104 | C. Wilson | £50 |
| 32 | M. Riches | £15 |

Mass Attendance: 211 (81, 130)
 Offertory: £540.23
 Candles: £128.68
 Books & Papers: £6.16
 Flowers: £7.12
 World Needy: £64.95

from now until the end of the Church's year, all donations will be for Cafod's ebola appeal

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Week beginning 19th. October
Church Cleaning
Group 2 Kathleen McGinley's group
Liturgy of the Word with Children

Children stay in church

Refreshments after Mass
Kath & Maureen

A.P.F. Red Mission Boxes

Thank you to those who asked to have a mission box at the recent appeal by Father Frank of the Mill Hill Missionaries. Peggie Ball has decided to step down as the organiser for the parish and Anne Duxbury has volunteered (*well, her arm has been twisted*) to take over Peggie's job as Secretary. All box holders are asked if, from this month, mission boxes be brought to church to be emptied every four months: that is in October, January, April and July. Anne Duxbury will empty them after the 8.30 a.m. Mass and Audrey Armour will empty them after the 10.30a.m. Mass.